



# News Release

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ARIZONA STRIP DISTRICT ■ 345 EAST RIVERSIDE DRIVE ■ ST. GEORGE, UT 84790

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## **Prescribed Fires Planned for Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument**

**St. George, Utah** – Bureau of Land Management (BLM) fire managers will conduct two small prescribed burns in the Arizona Strip District during the week of September 24. The prescribed burns are intended to decrease future wildfire risk and protect life and property, as well as cultural and natural resources in the Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument.

The 59 acre Aspen burn is being conducted to revitalize an aspen stand on the north slope of Mount Logan. Aspen trees require a disturbance cycle such as fire, to regenerate.

The 62 acre Nixon Spring burn is being implemented to reduce fuel accumulations and restore the fire adapted ponderosa pine forest ecosystem in the Mount Trumbull Wilderness. Fire helps to increase biodiversity in these forested areas.

Smoke may be present for several days and could reduce visibility along roads in the area. Public access may be restricted during ignition and periods of active fire spread to ensure safety. Signs will be posted to notify motorists and staff will be available to escort vehicles if necessary.

Prescribed fires must meet certain weather related and other environmental factors prior to ignition. BLM fire staff will manage and monitor the prescribed fire activity. Smoke emissions will be managed in accordance with the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality regulations.

For more information please call the BLM fire office at 435-688-3200.

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